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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMPRESSING TEXTUAL DOCUMENTS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an Appendix attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Amended) A method of compressing a textual document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, said method comprising the steps of:

identifying said data elements in said document; and compressing only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm, wherein said document before and after the compressing step is in a given file format.